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SOUTH DAKOTA CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN FROM A YEAR AGO

SIoux FALLS, July 18, 2003 -- All cattle and calves in South Dakota as of July 1, 2003 totaled 4.85 million head, down 150,000 head from the July 1, 2002 inventory, according to USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. This is a 3 percent decrease from last year's inventory, due mainly to the drought conditions during 2002.

All cows, at 1.98 million head, are 2 percent below the 2.02 million head on July 1, 2002.

Beef Cows, at 1.89 million head, are down nearly 2 percent from last year's 1.923 million head. **Milk cows**, at 90,000 head, are down 7 percent (7,000 head) from last year.

The 2003 **calf crop** is expected to total 1.76 million head, down 4 percent from last year's 1.84 million head.

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